## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery News Release #46

**SEINE FISHERIES:** There is no update to provide. Today's commercial purse seine fishery in Port Valdez will continue as previously announced, closing at 8 pm this evening. There will be an announcement at 2 pm on Saturday, July 27, announcing time and area for Prince William Sound purse seine fisheries anticipated to take place on Sunday, July 28.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to occur at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 27.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

Announcement recordings are available for gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web addresses:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareacopperriver.main (Copper River homepage) or http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main (Prince William Sound homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure that they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.